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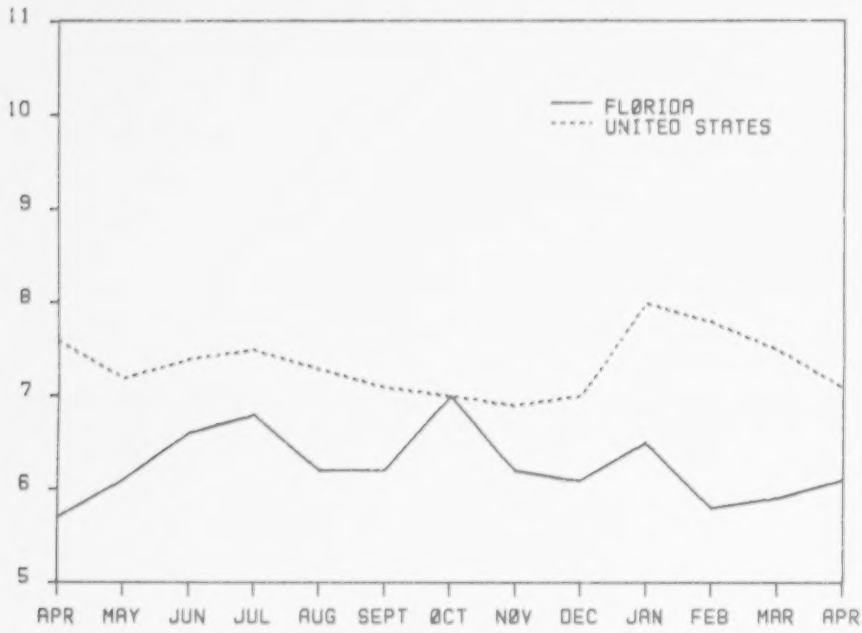
UNEMPLØYMENT RATES (UNADJUSTED)



APRIL 1984 - APRIL 1985

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

State of Florida	March 1985	February 1985	March 1984
Civilian Labor Force	5,239,200	5,245,700	5,002,900
Employment	4,932,600	4,940,300	4,734,800
Unemployment	306,600	305,500	268,100
Unemployment Rate	5.9	5.8	5.4

Note: Data are taken from the monthly results of the Current Population Survey (CPS) and are primarily for use in allocation of money under various federal programs. Data are not seasonally adjusted.

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NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT: Nonagricultural employment in Florida continues to grow, but at a much slower pace than in 1984. Total nonagricultural employment rose 18,200 in March to 4,418,200. This is an all-time high. Therefore, any over-the-month increase raises nonagricultural employment to new record levels. Beginning in April, employment in tourist-related industries will slow down and possibly show a decline.

Employment in transportation, communication, and public utilities dropped by more than one percent over the month. This drop was due to a strike and layoffs in the air transportation industry. However, the strike ended in late March and by April employment should return to approximately the February level. Manufacturing employment also dropped in March, with most of the decline occurring in the food and kindered products industry. This is a seasonal drop, especially in the sugar industry, but is also in part related to the recent freeze.

Trade, which continues to be the leading industry in Florida, posted a small increase in March. The increase took place in retail trade as wholesale trade declined. The bulk of the advance centered in eating and drinking places, automotive dealers and service stations, and miscellaneous retail stores. Employment in trade should remain at a high and stable level throughout the remainder of the tourist season.

Services, which is currently the second leading industry in Florida, added 8,000 new jobs from February to March. Most of these new jobs were in hotels, recreation places, and business services. This reflects the continuing tourist season which generally lasts through most of April. Business services continues to grow with an increase of 3,000 new jobs in March. It posted a 11.4 percent increase since March 1984. This trend should help to keep services one of the top industries in Florida.

Finance, insurance and real estate is growing at a steady pace. The current employment level indicates an annual increase of 16,900 workers or 5.8 percent. The rapid growth of population in Florida has accounted for much of the growth in real estate.

Annual growth in all industry divisions is at a much slower pace than the annual rate of growth in March of 1984. Total nonagricultural employment increased 230,400 over March 1984, a 5.5 percent increase. This compares with an annual increase from March 1983 to March 1984 of 331,600 or 8.6 percent.

LABOR MARKET TRENDS
A Labor Market Information Publication by the Florida Department of Labor and Employment Security

STATEWIDE	NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT						
		*		CHANGE TO CURRENT MONTH FROM:			
	MARCH 1985	FEBRUARY 1985	MARCH 1984	MONTH AGO NO.	MONTH AGO PERCENT	YEAR AGO NO.	YEAR AGO PERCENT
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	4,418,200	4,400,000	4,187,800	18,200	.4	230,400	5.5
MINING	10,500	10,500	10,200	0	.0	300	2.9
NONMETALLIC MINERALS, EXCEPT FUELS	9,000	9,000	8,700	0	.0	300	3.4
PHOSPHATE ROCK	5,400	5,400	5,200	0	.0	200	3.8
CONSTRUCTION	333,700	333,900	304,600	- 200	- .1	29,100	9.6
GENERAL BUILDING CONTRACTORS	92,100	91,700	84,100	400	.4	8,000	9.5
HEAVY CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS	44,300	44,500	45,800	- 200	- .4	- 1,500	- 3.3
SPECIAL TRADE CONTRACTORS	197,300	197,700	174,700	- 400	- .2	22,600	12.9
MANUFACTURING	519,000	520,100	495,500	- 1,100	- .2	23,500	4.7
DURABLE GOODS	307,600	307,400	290,200	200	.1	17,400	6.0
LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS	28,200	28,100	26,600	100	.4	1,600	6.0
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	14,000	14,000	12,500	0	.0	1,500	12.0
STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODUCTS	26,600	26,300	23,700	300	1.1	2,900	12.2
PRIMARY METAL INDUSTRIES	5,500	5,400	5,000	100	1.9	500	10.0
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	33,600	33,700	34,500	- 100	- .3	- 900	- 2.6
MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL	43,900	44,200	40,900	- 300	- .7	3,000	7.3
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT	77,000	77,200	72,500	- 200	- .3	4,500	6.2
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	56,200	55,800	53,300	400	.7	2,900	5.4
INSTRUMENTS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	14,200	14,200	12,700	0	.0	1,500	11.8
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	8,400	8,500	8,500	- 100	- 1.2	- 100	- 1.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	211,400	212,700	205,300	- 1,300	- .6	6,100	3.0
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS	50,500	51,600	48,600	- 1,100	- 2.1	1,900	3.9
PRESERVED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	13,100	14,000	12,500	- 900	- 6.4	600	4.8

STATEWIDE	NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT						
	MARCH 1985	FEBRUARY 1985	MARCH 1984	CHANGE TO CURRENT MONTH FROM: MONTH AGO NO.	MONTH AGO PERCENT	YEAR AGO NO.	YEAR AGO PERCENT
TOBACCO MANUFACTURES	1,900	2,000	2,000	- 100	- 5.0	- 100	- 5.0
TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS	2,500	2,500	2,600	0	.0	- 100	- 3.8
APPAREL AND OTHER TEXTILE PRODUCTS	33,600	33,600	34,900	0	.0	- 1,300	- 3.7
PAPER AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	15,600	15,700	15,400	- 100	- .6	200	1.3
PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	56,800	57,000	52,100	- 200	- .4	4,700	9.0
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	26,600	26,700	26,700	- 100	- .4	- 100	- .4
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	1,700	1,700	1,800	0	.0	- 100	- 5.6
RUBBER AND MISCELLANEOUS PLASTICS PRODUCTS	19,300	19,100	18,000	200	1.0	1,300	7.2
LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS	2,900	2,800	3,200	100	3.6	- 300	- 9.4
TRANSPORTATION, COMM., ELECT., GAS, AND SANITARY SERVICES	244,800	247,800	240,700	- 3,000	- 1.2	4,100	1.7
TRANSPORTATION	136,100	139,800	134,100	- 3,700	- 2.6	2,000	1.5
RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION	8,500	8,500	9,100	0	.0	- 600	- 6.6
LOCAL AND INTERURBAN PASSENGER TRANSIT	7,900	7,700	7,700	200	2.6	200	2.6
TRUCKING AND WAREHOUSING	48,200	48,500	44,500	- 300	- .6	3,700	8.3
WATER TRANSPORTATION	15,500	15,200	15,200	300	2.0	300	2.0
TRANSPORTATION BY AIR	40,600	44,300	43,800	- 3,700	- 8.4	- 3,200	- 7.3
COMMUNICATION	74,600	74,200	74,300	400	.5	300	.4
ELECTRIC, GAS, AND SANITARY SERVICES	34,100	33,800	32,300	300	.9	1,800	5.6
TRADE	1,173,000	1,165,800	1,110,200	7,200	.6	62,800	5.7
WHOLESALE TRADE	240,200	241,200	229,200	- 1,000	- .4	11,000	4.8
DURABLE GOODS	140,400	140,900	135,800	- 500	- .4	4,600	3.4
NONDURABLE GOODS	99,800	100,300	93,400	- 500	- .5	6,400	6.9
RETAIL TRADE	932,800	924,600	881,000	8,200	.9	51,800	5.9

STATEWIDE	NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT						
	MARCH 1985	* FEBRUARY 1985	MARCH 1984	CHANGE TO CURRENT MONTH FROM: MONTH AGO NO.	PERCENT	YEAR AGO NO.	PERCENT
BLDG. MAT.,GARDEN SUPL., AND MOBILE HOME DEALERS	36,400	36,300	37,300	100	.3	- 900	- 2.4
GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES	116,100	116,300	111,000	- 200	- .2	5,100	4.6
FOOD STORES	152,500	151,700	146,300	800	.5	6,200	4.2
AUTOMOTIVE DEALERS AND SERVICE STATIONS	102,600	101,400	95,500	1,200	1.2	7,100	7.4
APPAREL AND ACCESSORY STORES	51,100	50,300	48,100	800	1.6	3,000	6.2
FURNITURE AND HOME FURNISHING STORES	46,700	46,700	41,000	0	.0	5,700	13.9
EATING AND DRINKING PLACES	323,900	319,400	304,200	4,500	1.4	19,700	6.5
MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL STORES	103,500	102,500	97,600	1,000	1.0	5,900	6.0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	310,600	308,200	293,700	2,400	.8	16,900	5.8
BANKING	66,800	66,300	64,600	500	.8	2,200	3.4
CREDIT AGENCIES OTHER THAN BANKS	58,000	57,400	52,800	600	1.0	5,200	9.8
INSURANCE CARRIERS	46,700	46,700	46,100	0	.0	600	1.3
INSURANCE AGENTS, BROKERS, AND SERVICE	30,600	30,200	27,000	400	1.3	3,600	13.3
REAL ESTATE	86,700	85,700	81,900	1,000	1.2	4,800	5.9
SERVICES	1,136,300	1,128,300	1,070,700	8,000	.7	65,600	6.1
HOTELS AND OTHER LODGING PLACES	113,300	110,200	112,800	3,100	2.8	500	.4
PERSONAL SERVICES	53,700	53,800	55,300	- 100	- .2	- 1,600	- 2.9
BUSINESS SERVICES	223,000	220,000	200,200	3,000	1.4	22,800	11.4
AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR, SERVICES AND GARAGES	41,600	41,000	39,500	600	1.5	2,100	5.3
MISCELLANEOUS REPAIR SERVICES	19,800	19,500	19,100	300	1.5	700	3.7
MOTION PICTURES	6,800	6,800	6,400	0	.0	400	6.3
AMUSEMENT AND RECREATION SERVICES	82,500	80,700	73,200	1,800	2.2	9,300	12.7
HEALTH SERVICES	292,100	291,000	277,300	1,100	.4	14,800	5.3

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	MARCH 1985	FEBRUARY 1985	MARCH 1984	MONTH AGO NO.	MONTH AGO PERCENT	YEAR AGO NO.	YEAR AGO PERCENT
LEGAL SERVICES	40,200	39,900	36,900	300	.8	3,300	8.9
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	51,100	50,400	48,300	700	1.4	2,800	5.8
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES	57,900	58,000	53,600	- 100	- .2	4,300	8.0
GOVERNMENT	690,300	685,400	662,200	4,900	.7	28,100	4.2
FEDERAL	100,200	100,700	96,300	- 500	- .5	3,900	4.0
STATE AND LOCAL	590,100	584,700	565,900	5,400	.9	24,200	4.3
STATE	140,900	137,700	135,400	3,200	2.3	5,500	4.1
LOCAL	449,200	447,000	430,500	2,200	.5	18,700	4.3

ALL INDUSTRIES ARE CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THE STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION MANUAL, 1972.
ALL DATA ARE ADJUSTED TO FIRST QUARTER 1984 BENCHMARK LEVELS.
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THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE COOPERATION OF LOCAL EMPLOYERS WHO FURNISH EMPLOYMENT DATA ON A MONTHLY BASIS.

Seasonally Adjusted
Nonagricultural Employment
Florida
(In Thousands)

Industry	March 1985	r February 1985	March 1984
TOTAL	4,351.4	4,363.2	4,129.9
Mining	10.5	10.5	10.2
Construction	334.7	337.7	306.5
Manufacturing	515.6	517.3	492.4
Durable Goods	307.6	307.4	290.2
Nondurable Goods	209.2	209.4	202.8
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	244.8	247.8	240.7
Trade	1,156.2	1,160.5	1,093.5
Wholesale	240.2	241.2	229.2
Retail	917.2	919.0	865.3
Eating and Drinking Places	311.3	314.6	290.4
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	310.6	308.2	293.7
Services	1,105.5	1,109.4	1,045.1
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	103.3	104.2	102.7
Health Services	292.1	291.0	277.3
Government	673.5	671.8	647.8

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Unemployment Compensation Activity
Florida

	March 1985	February 1985	March 1984
Initial Claims/1	33,427	30,513	29,834
Weeks Claimed/2	221,869	209,590	232,704
Total U.C. Payments	$17,019,933	$16,467,905	$17,485,172

1/ Regular State UI
2/ Total Intrastate + Internet

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